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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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FOR AMBASSADOR VOLPE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MINISTER FERRARI AGGRADI

1. MINISTER FERRARI AGGRADI MET AUGUST 6 AT LENGTH WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AND FULL RANGE OF PROBLEMS AND SUBJECTS AS BROUGHT FORWARD IN YOUR EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS WAS DISCUSSED.

2. BUTZ ASSURED AGGRADI OF DETERMINATION OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO PRODUCE MORE AND MARKET INTERNATIONALLY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OR FAVORITISM TO ANY BUYER AND THUS ACT AS A RESPONSIBLE TRADING PARTNER.

3. AGGRADI SEEMED DELIGHTED WITH NEWS THAT ALL SOYA CONTRACTS PREVIOUS TO JUNE 14TH BOOKED FOR SEPTEMBER SHIPMENT

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WILL BE HONORED IMMEDIATELY AT 100 PERCENT WHEREAS SHIP-

MENTS FROM 1973 CROP CAN START FROM OCTOBER 1 ONWARD WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

4. ALTHOUGH DURUM WHEAT SUPPLY SITUATION OLD CROP TIGHT ITALY CAN BUY THROUGH TRADE AT CURRENT PRICES AND WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

5. BUTZ EXPLAINED U.S. GOVERNMENT NO LONGER OWNER OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND THEREFORE TRANSACTION EVEN BY AIMA SHOULD BE CONDUCTED THROUGH TRADERS.

6. BUTZ EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT EC PROTECTIONISM AND LACK OF SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF OUR CLAIMS UNDER 24.6 RESOLVE OF WHICH CONSIDERED INDICATION OF EC SINCERITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS ON BROADER SPECTRUM OF OPEN MARKET AGRICULTURE AND TRADE.

7. AGGRADI EXPRESSED COMMUNITY OF CONVICTION THAT CAP HAS TO BE LIBERALIZED THEREBY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DIVERSITY OF NEEDS BETWEEN HIGHLY DEVELOPED AGRICULTURE AND LESSER DEVELOPED WITHIN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

HE MENTIONED AS EXAMPLE COSTLY BUTTER DEAL. ALTHOUGH COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, USA COULD HELP IN STRONGLY ADHERING TO ITS PRINCIPLES OF FREE TRADE AND MARKET AGRICULTURE AND THUS HELP ITALY IN ITS OWN EFFORTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

8. TOBACCO AND CITRUS WERE DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY AND AGGRADI WELCOMED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN ROME EXPRESSING FULL CONFIDENCE THAT DIFFICULTIES CAN BE IRONED OUT ON BOTH ACCOUNTS.

9. AGGRADI SEEMED MOST SATISFIED WITH RECEPTION AND WITH DISCUSSIONS AND ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS WHICH HE BELIEVED WOULD STRENGTHEN POSITION OF GOI. ROGERS

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